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REMARKS

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1. The 2nd Inf Regt of KVP Schwerin, also referred to as A-Kommando, was located at the former Kavallerie Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse in Rostock. The regiment was assigned to KVP Bereitschaft Schwerin whose commanding officer was Colonel Bleck. The Bereitschaft was subordinate to TV Nord. The 2nd Inf Regt was organized as follows:

	Officers	NCOs	RM
headquarters	35	25	15
fire fighting section		2	8
headquarters platoon	1	2	10
dispensary	2	3	10
motor transport company	5	8	45
supply platoon		4	18
motor vehicle repair shop	1	3	20
ordnance shop	1	3	10
military band		20	
regimental school	8	25	150
reconnaissance company	5	8	30
signal company	5	8	30
engineer company	5	8	30
AT company	5	8	30
AAA company	5	7	25
mortar company	5	8	30
SP gun company	5	8	25

The 3rd battalion of the regiment was organized as follows:

headquarters	8	3	2
1st rifle company	6	10	35
2nd rifle company	6	10	35
3rd rifle company	6	10	25
machine gun company	5	7	20
mortar company	5	7	20
artillery.	5	7	28

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[redacted] the actual strength of the unit was far below its authorized strength.

2. Officers assigned to the regiment included:

Lieutenant Colonel Wildner	Co
Captain Max	Deputy CO
Major Wicke	Deputy CO, in charge of supply
Captain Ross	CO, 3rd Bn

3. Motor vehicles assigned to the regiment included:

30 model H-3-A trucks, 2 model EMW P 1 command cars, 2 model G 5 trucks, 4 model EMW sedans, 1 model ZIS 150 repair shop truck, 1 model G 5 tank truck and trailer, 2 model Granit 27 Phaetons ambulances, 1 2-ton truck and 2 3-ton trucks. Most of the vehicles were new. About 10 percent of the personnel of the regiment belonged to the 1936 class, 25 percent to the 1935 class, 30 percent to the 1934 class, 15 percent to the 1933 class, while 20 percent belonged to older year classes.

About 73 percent of the personnel had served up to three years, 25 percent from three to five years, and 2 percent longer than five years.

About 25 percent of the personnel came from Saxony/Anhalt, 15 percent each from Saxony and Thuringia respectively, 30 percent from Mecklenburg, 10 percent from Brandenburg, and 5 percent from Berlin.

About 55 percent of the personnel of the 3rd Bn followed the SED line, 5 percent were indifferent, while 40 percent were secret opponents of the regime.

Two Soviet advisers and one Soviet interpreter who wore KVP uniforms were attached to the regiment.

4. The new training year was started on 1 December. In December, two practice alerts were held by the regiment. After 15 minutes, the companies had fallen in. All members of the regiment wore the red service color of the infantry, according to an order issued in early October 1953.

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[redacted] Comment. On the assumption that the 1st and 2nd battalions of the regiment have the same strength as the 3rd battalion, i.e. 260 men, the regiment may be believed to total about 1,350 men. The infantry regiments of Division Prenzlau are stronger by a couple of hundred men. The training observed in December 1953 followed the same pattern as observed with other KVP units.

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